

Remarks

Amendments to the Claims

A clerical amendment is made to claim 1, which deletes the second occurrence of “*01” in paragraph (a). The amendment does not add new matter and does not require a new search.

Provisional Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

The Final Office Action maintained the following provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejections:

- claims 1, 5-14, 17, 18, 23, 26, and 30-32 over claims 1, 2, and 9-20 of Serial No. 11/667,276 in view of WO 99/18129 and WO 99/60120;
- claims 1, 5-15, 17, 18, 23, 26, and 30-32 over claims 1, 2, 10-19, and 31 of Serial No. 11/664,214 in view of WO 99/60120;
- claims 1, 5-14, 17, 18, 23, 26, and 30-32 over claims 1, 86, 88, and 89 of Serial No. 10/532,879 in view of WO 99/18129 and WO 99/60120; and
- claims 1, 5-15, 17, 18, 23, 26, and 30-32 over claims 1-23, 26-35, 40-43, 54, and 55 of Serial No. 10/535,965 in view of WO 99/60120.

The provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejections are the only rejections remaining in this application, which was filed earlier than each of the cited applications. The rejections should therefore be withdrawn, and the present claims should be permitted to issue without any terminal disclaimers. M.P.E.P. § 804(I)(B)(1).

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